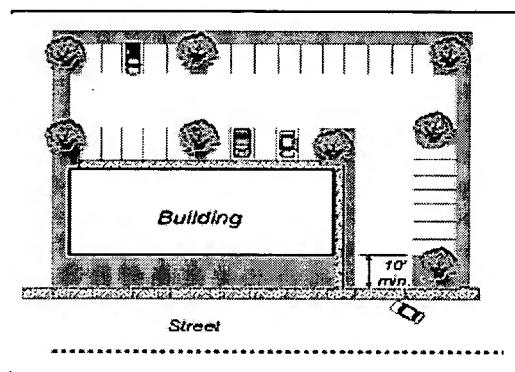


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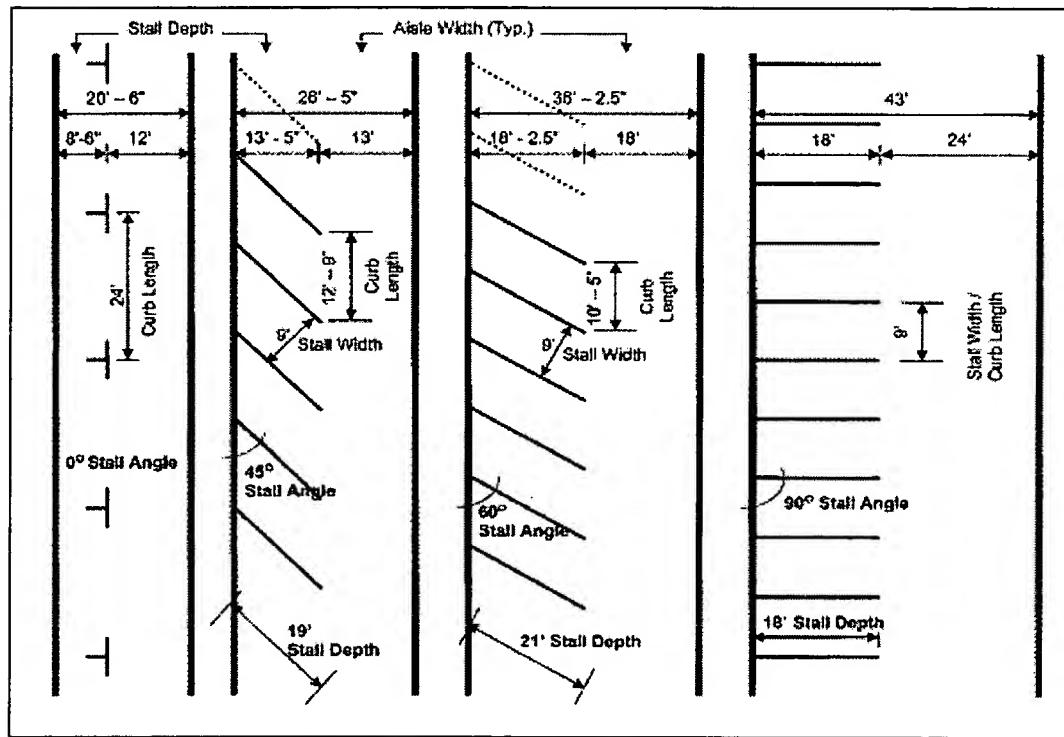
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- A. Location of parking areas. Required off-street parking shall be located on the same parcel as the uses served or on a contiguous parcel, or within 400 feet of the proposed use it is intended to serve. When a proposed off-street parking spaces are provided on a separate parcel from the use, a recorded covenant running with the land, recorded by the owner of the parking lot, guaranteeing that the required parking will be maintained exclusively for the use or activity served for the duration of the use or activity approved in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.
- B. Access to parking areas and parking spaces.
 - 1. Access to parking lots. Parking lots shall be designed to prevent access at any point other than at designated access drives.
 - 2. Parking space location. Parking spaces shall not be located within 10 feet of an access driveway, measured from the property line. See Figure 3-17.

**36_310_080--3-17.jpg Figure 3-17. Queuing Area**

- 3. Internal maneuvering area. Parking areas shall provide suitable maneuvering room so that vehicles enter the street in a forward direction, except for single-family homes and duplexes.
- C. Access to adjacent sites. Applicants for nonresidential developments are encouraged to provide shared vehicle and pedestrian access to adjacent nonresidential properties for convenience, safety and efficient circulation. A joint access agreement guaranteeing the continued availability of the shared access between the properties and running with the land shall be recorded by the owners of the abutting properties, as approved by the Director.
- D. Parking space and lot dimensions.
 - 1. Parking spaces.
 - a. Residential spaces. Parking spaces within carports and garages shall have minimum interior dimensions of 20 feet in length by 10 feet in width for each vehicle.

- b. Tandem parking spaces. Tandem parking spaces shall be 35 feet in length by 10 feet in width.
 - (1) Within multi-family districts, tandem parking spaces may be assigned to a single unit, and may count toward the requirement for covered spaces, but may not count as a guest space.
 - (2) Within non-residential districts, tandem parking may be provided for all of the required parking spaces where authorized through Parking Use Permit approval, provided an attendant is on duty during the hours of parking lot operation.
- c. All other parking spaces. Minimum parking space dimensions shall be as shown in Table 3-7. See Figure 3-18.



36_310_080--3-18.jpg Figure 3-18. Parking Space and Aisle Dimensions.

- 2. Parking lot aisles. Drive aisles within parking areas shall be designed and constructed in compliance with the following standards.
 - a. Aisle width. Parking area aisles shall comply with the minimum dimensional requirements in Table 3-7.
 - b. Visibility. Drive aisles shall be designed and located so that adequate visibility is ensured for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists when entering individual parking spaces, circulating within a parking facility, and entering or leaving a parking facility.

TABLE 3-7. PARKING SPACE AND DRIVE AISLE DIMENSIONS

Angle of Parking	Minimum Dimensions		
	Parking Space Depth	Parking Space Width	Aisle Width (1)
0 degrees (e.g. tandem or parallel parking)	24 ft	8.6 ft (2)	12 ft
up to 45 degrees	19 ft	9 ft (2)	13 ft
up to 60 degrees	21 ft	9 ft (2)	18 ft
up to 90 degrees	18 ft	9 ft (2)	24 ft

Notes:

- 1) The Director may require greater aisle widths where slopes or other obstructions are encountered.
- 2) Each parking space that is adjoined on either side of its longer dimension by a fence, wall, partition, column, post, or similar obstruction, and the obstruction is located less than 14 feet from the access aisle measured along the length of the stall, shall have its minimum width increased by at least 10 inches on the side of the obstruction.

E. Curbing and wheel stops.

1. Curbing. Continuous concrete curbing at least six inches high and six inches wide shall be provided along the edges of parking spaces adjacent to fences, walls, other structures, and landscaping.
 - a. Alternative barrier designs may be approved by the Director.
 - b. Parking spaces adjacent to landscaped areas or other obstructions shall incorporate an additional curbing width of 12 inches (for a total of 18 inches) to provide a place to stand while exiting and entering vehicles.
 - c. Curbing shall be placed within the parking space a minimum of two feet from the front of the space.
2. Wheel stops. Wheel stops other than continuous concrete curbing shall be prohibited except in work areas, and parking areas not open to the public.
3. Bumper overhang. To increase the parking lot landscaped area, a maximum of two feet of the parking stall depth may be landscaped with low-growth, hearty materials in lieu of paving, allowing a two-foot bumper overhang while maintaining the required parking dimensions.

F. Directional arrows and signs:

1. Parking spaces, aisles, approach lanes and maneuvering areas shall be clearly marked with directional arrows and lines to ensure the safe and efficient flow of vehicles.
2. The Director may require the installation of traffic signs in addition to directional arrows to ensure the safe and efficient flow of vehicles in a parking facility.

G. Grades of driveways and parking areas. The grades of driveways and parking areas shall comply with the standards in Municipal Code Section 31.35, and the following requirements.

1. Driveways. Driveways shall not exceed a maximum grade of 15 percent measured along the driveway centerline. Where there is a change in the slope of the driveway, it shall be demonstrated that vehicles

will be able to pass over the change in slope without interference with an average vehicle's undercarriage.

2. Parking areas. Parking areas shall have a maximum grade of seven percent, measured in any direction.

H. Landscaping. Parking area landscaping shall be provided in compliance with Division 36.330 (Landscaping Standards).

I. Lighting. Parking areas within non-residential areas shall have lighting that provides adequate illumination for security and safety. Lighting standards shall be energy-efficient and in scale with the height and use of the on-site structures, and shall not exceed a maximum height of 16 feet. All illumination, including security lighting, shall be directed downward, away from adjacent properties and public rights-of-way. Lighting location shall take into account the location and expected mature characteristics of on-site landscape materials.

J. Residential guest parking. Guest parking for multi-family residential uses shall be designated and restricted for the exclusive use of the guests with appropriate signs and pavement markings.

K. Striping and identification. Parking spaces shall be clearly outlined with four-inch wide lines painted on the surface of the parking facility. Circulation aisles, approach lanes, and turning areas shall be clearly marked with directional arrows and lines to ensure safe traffic movement.

L. Surfacing. Parking spaces, driveways, and maneuvering areas shall be paved and permanently maintained.

(Ord. No. 2108 § 1 (part).)